OPINION 1841

Scomber dentex Bloch & Schneider, 1801 (currently Caranx or Pseudocaranx dentex) and Caranx lugubris Poey, [1860] (Osteichthyes, Perciformes): specific names conserved

Keywords. Nomenclature: taxonomy; Osteichthyes; Perciformes; CARANGIDAE; white trevally; black jack; Caranx dentex; Pseudocaranx dentex; Caranx lugubris.

Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary powers the following specific names are hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy:
 - (a) glaucus Linnaeus, 1758, as published in the binomen Scomber glaucus;
 - (b) ascensionis Cuvier in Cuvier & Valenciennes, 1833, as published in the binomen Caranx ascensionis.
- (2) The name *Pseudocaranx* Bleeker, 1863 (gender: masculine), type species by monotypy *Scomber dentex* Bloch & Schneider, 1801, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.
- (3) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:
 - (a) dentex Bloch & Schneider, 1801, as published in the binomen Scomber dentex (specific name of the type species of Pseudocaranx Bleeker, 1863);
 - (b) lugubris Poey, [1860], as published in the binomen Caranx lugubris;
 - (c) *ovatus* Linnaeus, 1758, as published in the binomen *Gasterosteus ovatus* Linnaeus, 1758.
- (4) The following names are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology:
 - (a) glaucus Linnaeus, 1758, as published in the binomen Scomber glaucus and as suppressed in (1)(a) above;
 - (b) ascensionis Cuvier in Cuvier & Valenciennes, 1833, as published in the binomen Caranx ascensionis and as suppressed in (1)(b) above;
 - (c) adscensionis Osbeck, 1771, as published in the binomen Scomber adscensionis (unavailable because cited as a synonym from a pre-1758 publication).

History of Case 2898

An application for the conservation of the specific names of *Scomber dentex* Bloch & Schneider, 1801 and *Caranx lugubris* Poey, [1860] was received from Drs William F. Smith-Vaniz (*U.S. Department of the Interior, National Biological Survey, Southeastern Biological Science Center, Gainesville, Florida, U.S.A.*) and John E. Randall (*Bernice P. Bishop Museum, Honolulu, Hawaii, U.S.A.*) on 21 June 1993. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 51: 323–329 (December 1994). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1995 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 51: 326–327. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1996 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 26: Bayer, Bock, Bouchet, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Štys, Trjapitzin

Negative votes — none.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

adscensionis, Scomber, Osbeck, 1771, A voyage to China and the East Indies, vol. 2, p. 94. ascensionis, Caranx, Cuvier, 1833, in Cuvier, G. & Valenciennes, A., Histoire naturelle des poissons, vol. 9, p. 102.

dentex, Scomber, Bloch & Schneider, 1801, Systema ichthyologiae iconibus ex illustratum ..., vol. 1, p. 30.

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lugubris, Caranx, Poey, [1860], Poissons de Cuba. In: Memorias sobre la historia natural de la Isla de Cuba, acompañadas de sumarios Latinos y extractos en Francés, vol. 2, p. 222.

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Pseudocaranx Bleeker, 1863, Natuurkundige Verhandelingen van de Hollandsche Maatschappij der Wetenschappen te Haarlem, (2)18: 82.